

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1943  
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To

The Chairman and Members of the North Walsham Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the Year 1943. As in the previous four years the Minister of Health has decided that only an interim report should be made. Notifiable Disease returns show one case of Typhoid Fever, eight cases of Whooping Cough, one case of Erysipelas, five cases of Measles, eight cases of Pneumonia and eighteen cases of Scarlet Fever. The mortality rate in all these cases was nil. Scarlet Fever was a continuation of the outbreak which started in the last quarter of the Year 1942. All the cases - relatively mild - were treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Roughton.

The number of Deaths totalled 52 as against 66 for the previous year and is the lowest number recorded for a very considerable period of time. There was one death under the age of one year.

Two Still Births were recorded - both legitimate.

There was no change in either personnel or equipment of the Health Services for the area.

Four new cases of Tuberculosis were reported in the year.

One was respiratory and the remainder glandular. All were in males. There was one death - respiratory.

The number of live Births was 72 - exactly the same figure as for 1942.

The percentage of children inoculated against Diphtheria has remained high and I much appreciate the sensible reactions of parents to my remarks on this matter in the Annual Reports of the past two years. I appeal once more to parents who have children of the age of one year or slightly over to go to their doctors for Immunisation and so help in causing a general decline of this Disease, and finally to knock it for six out of our town and countryside.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Henry Morrison.

23rd May, 1944.

Medical Officer of Health.

